

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENTI 06453 191433Z

43

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-14 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-11 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 DRC-01 AID-20 /125 W
----- 115450

R 191131Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 450

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

CINCPAC

SECDEF

CIA

DIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6453

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJ: PATHET LAO OCCUPATION IN BAN POUNG

1. ON AUGUST 15, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) LPF SOLDIERS OCCUPIED THE VILLAGE OF BAN POUNG IN MR-I NORTHEAST OF BAN HOU EI SAI (PC 6656). THE SMALL FAR GARRISON LOCATED NEAR THE TOWN DID NOT OPPOSE THE PATHET LAO. BAN POUNG IS ONE OF THE AREASE WHERE JCCIA HAS BEEN TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PLACEMENT OF BOUNDARY STAKES. IN JULY, WHEN A JCCIA TEAM CAME TO BAN POUNG, THE VILLAGERS THREATENED TO MOVE EN MASSE TO THAILAND IF EMPLACEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY STAKES FORCED THEM TO LIVE IN THE PATHET LAO ZONE.

2. LPF MOVED INTO BAN POUNG WHEN AZS MR-I MAJOR UNIT COMMANDERS WERE IN LUANG PRABANG. WITHOUT DIRECTION, THE FAR TROOPS IN BAN POUNG MADE NO RESPONSE. UNIT COMMANDERS WERE ORDERED TO RETURN AND THE BAN HOU EI SAI SECTOR COMMANDER TO RETAKE THE LOST POSITION. NO ACTION HAS YET
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENTI 06453 191433Z

BEEN TAKEN.

3. TWO SIDES, ON AUGUST 19, REQUESTED U.S. AIR SUPPORT
TO FLY FOUR LPF AND FOUR VIENTIANE SIDE REPRESENTATIVES
TO BAN POUNG TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON SITUATION. AMBASSADOR
HAS APPROVED PROVISION OF U.S. CONTRACT AIR IN
VIEW OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
WHITEHOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, GROUND COMBAT OPERATIONS, MILITARY OCCUPIED AREAS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 AUG 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974VIENTI06453
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740227-1029
From: VIENTIANE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740835/aaaabdx.tel
Line Count: 68
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Aug-2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <03 MAR 2003 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PATHET LAO OCCUPATION IN BAN POUNG
TAGS: MOPS, LA, PATHET LAO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005